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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0013-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
)  
Stefan HACK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3623  
)  
Application No.: 09/609,714 ) Examiner: Sterrett, Jonathan G.  
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Filed: June 30, 2000 )  
)  
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION ) Confirmation No.: 2503  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of December 5, 2005. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

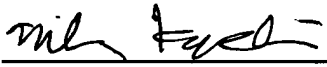
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	66	-	65	1	x \$ 50	\$ 50.00
Indep.	10	-	9	1	x \$200	200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	0.0
Subtotal						\$ 250.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0.0
TOTAL						\$ 250.00

- ☒ A fee of \$250.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$250.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 6, 2006

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, the period for response which extends through March 6, 2006 (March 5<sup>th</sup> being a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

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